

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Abad-Peiro et al.  
Serial No. : 09/787,753 Examiner : Muriel S. Tinkler  
Filed : June 11, 2001 Art Unit : 3691  
For : METHOD OF IMPROVING SECURITY IN ELECTRONIC  
TRANSACTIONS

September 16, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed June 16, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-20. A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is being filed with this Notice of Appeal.

The items checked below are appropriate:

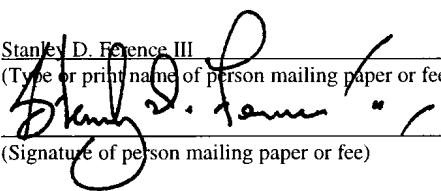
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Extension of Time
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- ☒ No extension of time is needed.
- ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant has previously requested an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being filed with the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, by EFS Web on September 16, 2008.

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2. Status of Applicant

This application is on behalf of

- ☐ Small entity
- ☒ Other than a small entity

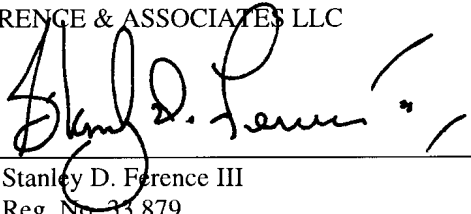
3. Fee for Filing Notice of Appeal

Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is

- ☐ Small entity \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other than a small entity \$510.00
- ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Appeal fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$510.00 Appeal fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510**.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510**.

Respectfully submitted,

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